

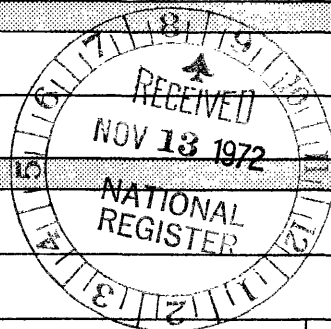
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
APR 3 1972	

1. NAME			
COMMON: Augustine Beach Hotel			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Delaware Route 9			
CITY OR TOWN: Augustine Beach			
STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: New Castle	CODE 003



3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Harry D. Williams			
STREET AND NUMBER: Delaware Route 9			
CITY OR TOWN: Augustine Beach	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Public Building			
STREET AND NUMBER: Rodney Square			
CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The east, or front, facade of the brick Augustine Beach Hotel is composed of six bays laid in Flemish bond. The entry is located in the right center bay and is covered, as is the rest of the first floor, by a hip-roofed porch extending along the front facade. Two dormers pierce the roof, and a chimney is located on the ridge line between the two south bays.

The south facade is composed of three bays, and also is laid in Flemish bond. A center door renders the composition symmetrical and gives access to a hallway, which the south end rooms adjoin. Interior detailing includes blank corner blocks and paneled recesses beneath the window sills.

Two dormers mark the west facade, which is laid in common bond. The left center bay lacks fenestration on either floor. A five bay, shed-roofed brick dependency, also laid in common bond, has been joined to the hotel through the west facade by a more recent addition.

To the common-bond north facade a lower frame structure has been added, extending the porch line of the east facade. The north facade of the addition is composed of three low-pitch gables.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1814

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ losophy

Recreation

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☒ Commerce☐ Literature☐ itarian☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At the turn of the century, the Augustine Beach Hotel might easily have been the site of a Wilmington or Philadelphia family's summer excursion. A steamer made the daily run to "The Piers", as the spot was known locally. The THOMAS CLYDE stopped at Augustine Beach, and PILOT BOY and ARIEL probably served the Beach as well, on their regular trips to Woodland Beach, at Bombay Hook, farther south.

Augustine Beach Hotel was probably built in 1814, but its peak period spanned the years between 1870 and 1920. Visitors from every state in the Union signed its register between 1887 and 1915.

The Hotel derives its name from one of the most colorful of Delaware's early inhabitants. Had Augustine Herrman's plans succeeded, Delaware might have been his family's feudal manor. Born in Prague in 1621, Herrman journeyed to New Amsterdam, where he worked as a trader, in the employ of the West India Company. His estate in New York prospered, but a colonial crisis offered him a new opportunity elsewhere. Herrman and his surveying skills lay between rival claims of the Dutch and the English to lands east of Maryland.

The Calvert assumptions rested on a charter granted by Charles I in 1632, but Stuyvesant countered with a Dutch claim. Augustine Herrman undertook a diplomatic mission to the Maryland government. He offered

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Mallery, Charles Payson. "Ancient Families of Bohemia Manor: Their Homes and Their Graves." Papers of the Historical Society of Delaware. Wilmington: The Society, 1888.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware: 1609-1888. 2 vols. Philadelphia: L. J. Richard & Co., 1888.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Vincent Rogers and Rosemary Troy

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 7/11/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name E. Berkeley Tompkins
Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date 11-3-72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/3/73

ATTEST:

Wm. Stanley
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-26-73

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to draw a map of Maryland for Calvert, but asked in return for the gift of a manor. His interests apparently were not wholly bound up with those of the Dutch. In 1660, he received twenty thousand acres in Cecil County, Maryland, and New Castle County, Delaware from the Calverts. A year later he moved to Bohemia Manor, newly named for the land of his birth. Some rumors attributed Herrman's removal to the fact that he won a woman whom Stuyvesant was also courting. Afterwards, the Dutch colony was not a pleasant place for him.

When Augustine Herrman died in 1686, the title to the manor passed to Ephriam, his oldest son, just as he wished. Casparus Herrman, another son, was the third bearer of title to the manor. Below Port Penn on the Delaware, at St. Augustine, Casparus built a house on land in Augustine Manor for which he had a patent from the government at New Castle.

Two hundred years later, bathers and picnickers paid thirty cents to travel by steamer from Wilmington to the site of Herrman's manor house. According to a Wilmington Steamboat Company advertisement in 1888, picnic tables were set in an "elegant grove." Vacationers continued to come until the 1920's, when the THOMAS CLYDE made a last run to the Beach. The Hotel and surrounding facilities fell into disrepair. Recently, however, a state boat launch was built, and Augustine Beach has attracted crowds once again.

